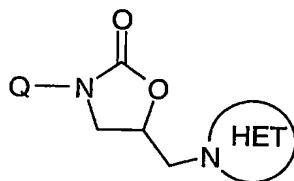


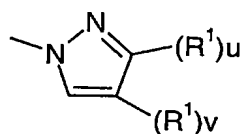
Claims

1. A compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or an in-vivo-hydrolysable ester thereof,

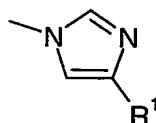


(I)

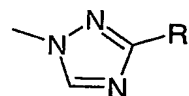
10 wherein -N-HET is selected from the structures (Ia) to (If) below :-



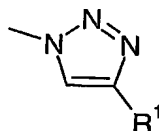
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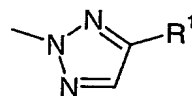
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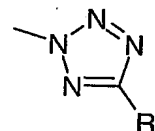
(Ic)



(Id)



(Ie)



(If)

wherein u and v are independently 0 or 1;

15 R¹ is (1-4C)alkyl;

or R¹ is selected from a substituent from the group

(R¹a) wherein R¹ is halogen, hydroxy, (1-4C)alkoxy, (2-4C)alkenyloxy, (2-4C)alkenyl, (2-4C)alkynyl (optionally substituted on the terminal carbon by CH₂=CH-, di(1-4C)alkylamino, AR2, AR2a or AR2b, wherein AR2, AR2a and AR2b are defined

20 hereinbelow), (3-6C)cycloalkyl, (3-6C)cycloalkenyl, amino, (1-4C)alkylamino, di-(1-4C)alkylamino, (2-4C)alkenylamino, (1-4C)alkyl-S(O)q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2), (1-4C)alkylcarbonylamino, ;

or R¹ is selected from the group

(R¹b) wherein R¹ is a (1-4C)alkyl group which is substituted by one substituent selected

from hydroxy, halo, (1-4C)alkoxy, amino, (1-4C)alkylamino, di(1-4C)alkylamino, cyano, azido, (2-4C)alkenyloxy, (1-4C)alkyl-S(O)_q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2), AR1-S(O)_q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2 and AR1 is defined hereinbelow), AR2-S(O)_q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2), AR2a-S(O)_q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2), benzyl-S(O)_q- (wherein q is 0, 1 or 2), (3-6C)cycloalkyl, (3-6C)cycloalkenyl, (1-4C)alkyl-OCO-NH-, (1-4C)alkyl-NHCO-O-, (1-4C)alkylaminocarbonyl, di(1-4C)alkylaminocarbonyl, H₂NC(=NH)S-;

or R¹ is selected from a group of formula (R^{1c1}) :-

(R^{1c1}) a fully saturated 4-membered monocyclic ring containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S (optionally oxidised), and linked via a ring nitrogen

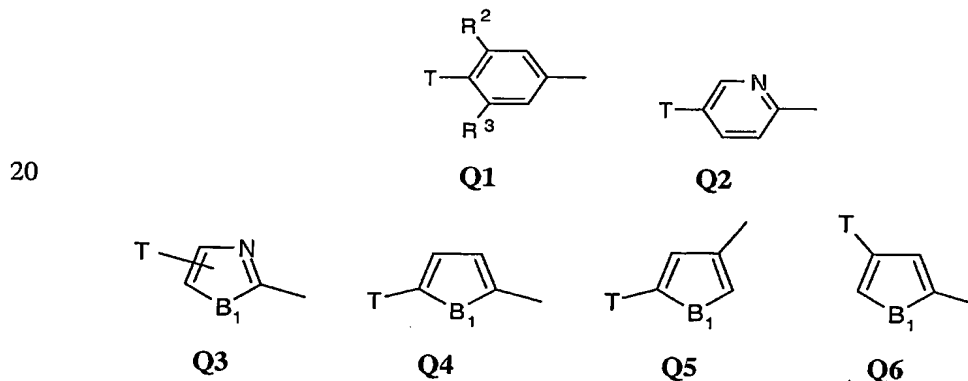
or carbon atom; or

or R¹ is selected from the group

(R^{1d}) cyano, nitro, azido, formyl, (1-4C)alkylcarbonyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, H₂NC(O)-, (1-4C)alkylNHC(O)-;

and wherein at each occurrence of an R¹ substituent containing an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl moiety in (R^{1a}), (R^{1b}) or (R^{1c1}) each such moiety is optionally further substituted on an available carbon atom with one, two, three or more substituents independently selected from F, Cl Br, OH and CN;

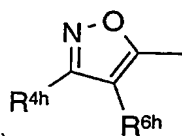
Q is selected from Q1 to Q6 :-



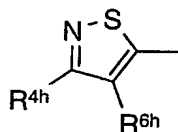
R₂ and R₃ are independently selected from H, F, Cl, CF₃, OMe, SMe, Me and Et;

wherein B₁ is O or S;

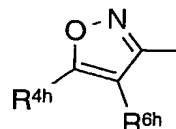
25 wherein T is selected from the groups in (TAa1) to (TAa12):



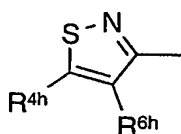
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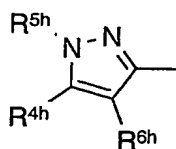
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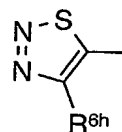
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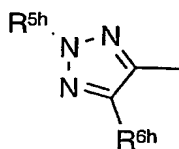
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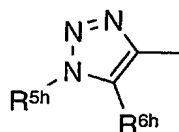
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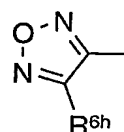
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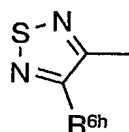
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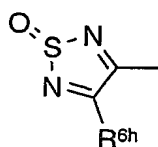
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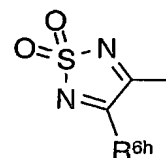
(TAa9)



(TAa10)



(TAa11)



(TAa12)

wherein :

R^{6h} is selected from hydrogen, (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkanoyl, carbamoyl and cyano;

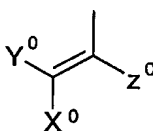
- 15 R^{4h} and R^{5h} are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2), (1-4C)alkanoyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, benzyloxy-(1-4C)alkyl, (2-4C)alkanoylamino, -CONR_CR_V and -NR_CR_V wherein any (1-4C)alkyl group contained in the preceding values for R^{4h} and R^{5h} is optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from hydroxy (not on C1 of an alkoxy group, and excluding geminal disubstitution), oxo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, (1-4C)alkoxy, (2-4C)alkanoyloxy, hydroxyimino, (1-4C)alkoxyimino, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2), (1-4C)alkylSO₂-NR_V-, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, -CONR_CR_V, and -NR_CR_V (not on C1 of an

alkoxy group, and excluding geminal disubstitution); wherein R_v is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and R_c is as hereinafter defined;

- R^{4h} and R^{5h} may further be independently selected from (1-4C)alkyl {optionally substituted by one, two or three substituents independently selected from hydroxy (excluding geminal
5 disubstitution), oxo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, (1-4C)alkoxy, (2-4C)alkanoyloxy, phosphoryl [-O-P(O)(OH)₂, and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], phosphiryl [-O-P(OH)₂ and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], hydroxyimino, (1-4C)alkoxyimino, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2), (1-4C)alkylSO₂-NR_v-, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, -CONR_cR_v, -NR_cR_v (excluding geminal disubstitution), OR_c, and
10 phenyl (optionally substituted by one, two or three substituents independently selected from (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxy and halo)}; wherein R_v is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl and R_c is as hereinafter defined; and wherein
any (1-4C)alkyl group contained in the immediately preceding optional substituents (when R^{4h} and R^{5h} are independently (1-4C)alkyl) is itself optionally substituted by up to three
15 substituents independently selected from hydroxy (not on C1 of an alkoxy group, and excluding geminal disubstitution), oxo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, (1-4C)alkoxy, (2-4C)alkanoyloxy, hydroxyimino, (1-4C)alkoxyimino, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2), (1-4C)alkylSO₂-NR_v-, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, -CONR_cR_v, and -NR_cR_v (not on C1 of an alkoxy group, and excluding geminal disubstitution); wherein R_v is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl
20 and R_c is as hereinafter defined;

or R^{4h} is selected from one of the groups in (TAaa) to (TAab) below, or (where appropriate) one of R^{4h} and R^{5h} is selected from the above list of R^{4h} and R^{5h} values, and the other is selected from one of the groups in (TAaa) to (TAab) below :-

(TAaa) a group of the formula (TAaa1)



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(TAaa1)

wherein Z⁰ is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl;

X⁰ and Y⁰ are independently selected from hydrogen, (1-4C)alkyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2), R_vR_wNSO₂-, trifluoromethyl,

pentafluoroethyl, (1-4C)alkanoyl and -CONRvRw [wherein Rv is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl; Rw is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl];

(*TAab*) an acetylene of the formula $\equiv\text{H}$ or $\equiv\text{-(1-4C)alkyl}$;

wherein Rc is selected from groups (Rc1) to (Rc2) :-

- 5 (*Rc1*) (1-6C)alkyl {optionally substituted by one or more (1-4C)alkanoyl groups (including geminal disubstitution) and/or optionally monosubstituted by cyano, (1-4C)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl (optionally substituted as for AR1 defined hereinafter), (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- (q is 0, 1 or 2); or, on any but the first carbon atom of the (1-6C)alkyl chain, optionally substituted by one or more groups (including geminal
- 10 disubstitution) each independently selected from hydroxy and fluoro, and/or optionally monosubstituted by oxo, -NRvRw [wherein Rv is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl; Rw is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl], (1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonylamino, N-(1-4C)alkyl-N-(1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_pNH- or (1-4C)alkylS(O)_p-((1-4C)alkyl)N- (p is 1 or 2)};
- (*Rc2*) R¹³CO-, R¹³SO₂- or R¹³CS-
- 15 wherein R¹³ is selected from (Rc2a) to (Rc2d) :-
- (*Rc2a*) hydrogen, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl and -NRvRw [wherein Rv is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl; Rw is hydrogen or (1-4C)alkyl];
- (*Rc2b*) (1-10C)alkyl
- {optionally substituted by one or more groups (including geminal disubstitution) each
- 20 independently selected from hydroxy, (1-10C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkanoyl, carboxy, phosphoryl [-O-P(O)(OH)₂, and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], phosphiryl [-O-P(OH)₂ and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], and amino; and/or optionally substituted by one group selected from phosphonate [phosphono, -P(O)(OH)₂, and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy
- 25 derivatives thereof], phosphinate [-P(OH)₂ and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], cyano, halo, trifluoromethyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkylamino, di((1-4C)alkyl)amino, (1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonylamino, N-(1-4C)alkyl-N-(1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkylaminocarbonyl, di((1-4C)alkyl)aminocarbonyl, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_pNH-, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_p-((1-4C)alkyl)N-, fluoro(1-4C)alkylS(O)_pNH-, fluoro(1-4C)alkylS(O)_p-((1-4C)alkyl)N-, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- [the (1-4C)alkyl group of (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q- being optionally substituted by one substituent selected from hydroxy, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkanoyl, phosphoryl [-O-P(O)(OH)₂, and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy

derivatives thereof], phosphiryl [-O-P(OH)₂ and mono- and di-(1-4C)alkoxy derivatives thereof], amino, cyano, halo, trifluoromethyl, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, (1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxy-(1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl, carboxy, (1-4C)alkylamino, di((1-4C)alkyl)amino, (1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkoxycarbonylamino, N-
 5 (1-4C)alkyl-N-(1-6C)alkanoylamino, (1-4C)alkylaminocarbonyl, di((1-4C)alkyl)aminocarbonyl, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_pNH-, (1-4C)alkylS(O)_p-((1-4C)alkyl)N-, and (1-4C)alkylS(O)_q-;

(Rc2c) R¹⁴C(O)O(1-6C)alkyl wherein R¹⁴ is AR1, AR2, (1-4C)alkylamino (the (1-4C)alkyl group being optionally substituted by (1-4C)alkoxycarbonyl or by carboxy), benzyloxy-(1-4C)alkyl or (1-10C)alkyl {optionally substituted as defined for (Rc2b)};

10 (Rc2d) R¹⁵O- wherein R¹⁵ is benzyl, (1-6C)alkyl {optionally substituted as defined for (Rc2c)} or AR2b;

wherein

AR1 is an optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted naphthyl;

15 AR2 is an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered, fully unsaturated monocyclic heteroaryl ring containing up to four heteroatoms independently selected from O, N and S (but not containing any O-O, O-S or S-S bonds), and linked via a ring carbon atom, or a ring nitrogen atom if the ring is not thereby quaternised;

AR2a is a partially hydrogenated version of AR2, linked via a ring carbon atom or linked via
 20 a ring nitrogen atom if the ring is not thereby quaternised;

AR2b is a fully hydrogenated version of AR2, linked via a ring carbon atom or linked via a ring nitrogen atom.

2. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable
 25 salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, wherein Q is Q1.

3. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof,
 wherein -N-HET is 1,2,3-triazol-1-yl or tetrazol-2-yl.

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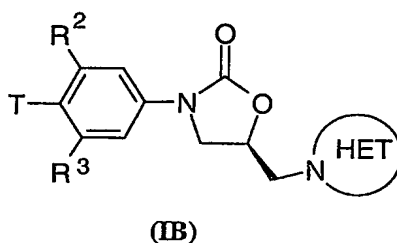
4. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 3, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof,
 wherein R² and R³ are independently hydrogen or fluoro.

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5. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, wherein T is selected from TAa1, TAa5, TAa7 and TAa8.

5 6. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, wherein R^1 is selected from R^{1a} to R^{1d} ;

7. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 6, which is a
10 compound of formula (IB) or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof,



15 wherein -N-HET is 1,2,3-triazol-1-yl or tetrazol-2-yl;

R^1 is (1-4C)alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are independently hydrogen or fluoro; and

T is selected from TAa1, TAa5, TAa7 and TAa8.

20 8. A pro-drug of a compound as claimed in any one of the previous claims.

9 A method for producing an antibacterial effect in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of the invention as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 7, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or pro-drug or in-
25 vivo hydrolysable ester thereof.

10. A compound of the invention as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 7, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or pro-drug or in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, for use as a medicament.

11. The use of a compound of the invention as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 7, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or pro-drug or in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antibacterial effect in a warm blooded animal.

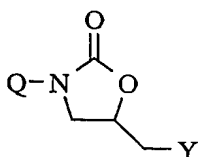
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12. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the invention as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 7, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or pro-drug or an in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

10 13. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 1 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or pro-drug or in-vivo hydrolysable esters thereof, which process comprises one of processes (a) to (g):

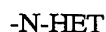
(a) by modifying a substituent in, or introducing a new substituent into, the substituent group Q of another compound of formula (I); or

15 (b) by reaction of a compound of formula (II):



(II)

wherein Y is a displaceable group with a compound of the formula (III):



(III)

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wherein -N-HET (of formula (Ia) to (If), already substituted and optionally protected) is HN-HET (free-base form) or N-HET anion formed from the free base form; or

(c) by reaction of a compound of the formula (IV):



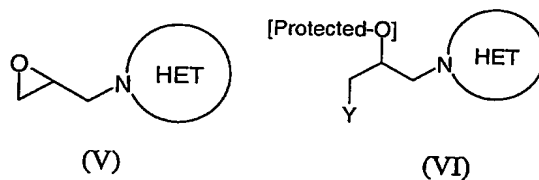
(IV)

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wherein Z is an isocyanate, amine or urethane group with an epoxide of the formula (V)

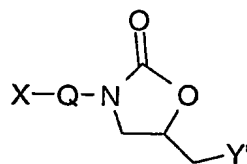
wherein the epoxide group serves as a leaving group at the terminal C-atom and as a protected hydroxy group at the internal C-atom; or with a related compound of formula (VI) where the hydroxy group at the internal C-atom is protected and where the leaving group Y at the

30 terminal C-atom is a leaving group;



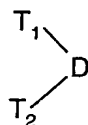
or

(d) (i) by coupling, using catalysis by transition metals, of a compound of formula (VII) :



(VII)

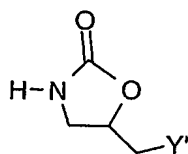
wherein Y' is a group -N-HET as hereinbefore defined, X is a replaceable substituent;
 with a compound of the formula (VIII), or an analogue thereof, which is suitable to give a T
 substituent as defined by (TAa1-TAa12) in which the link is via an sp^2 carbon atom (D =
 10 CH=C-Lg where Lg is a leaving group; or as in the case of reactions carried out under Heck
 reaction conditions Lg may also be hydrogen)



(VIII)

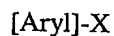
where T_1 and T_2 may be the same or different and comprise a precursor to a ring of type T as
 15 hereinbefore defined, or T_1 and T_2 may together with D form a ring of type T as hereinbefore
 defined;

(d) (ii) by coupling, using catalysis by transition metals, of a compound of formula (VIIA):



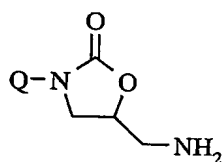
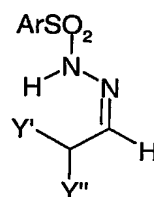
(VIIA)

20 wherein Y' is a group HET as hereinbefore defined, with a compound



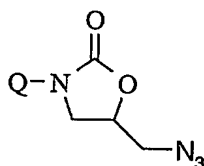
where X is a replaceable substituent;

- (e) Where N-HET is 1,2,3-triazole by cycloaddition via the azide (wherein Y in (II) is azide), with a substituted acetylene or masked acetylene;
- (f) Where N-HET is 1,2,3-triazole by synthesis with a compound of formula (IX), namely the arenesulfonylhydrazone of acetaldehyde, by reaction of a compound of formula (II)
- 5 where Y = NH₂ (primary amine);

(II : Y = NH₂)

(IX)

- (g) Where N-HET is 1,2,3-triazole by cycloaddition via the azide (wherein Y in (II) is azide) with acetylene using Cu(I) catalysis in to give the N-1,2,3-triazole;

(II : Y = N₃)

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and thereafter if necessary :

- i) removing any protecting groups;
- ii) forming a pro-drug (for example an in-vivo hydrolysable ester); and/or
- 15 iii) forming a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt.